



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2005

PREPARED BY: Community Improvement Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present the Community Improvement Award to Ben's Appliance Lighthouse and Hearth, Inc., for their commercial property at 1535 S. Cherokee Lane.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This property at 1535 S. Cherokee Lane, owned by Ben & Geraldine Osburn, is the location of Ben's Appliance Lighthouse & Hearth. At this location since 1968 when it opened as Ben's Electric, the business has most recently undergone a facelift as the owner's have done a complete façade improvement and installed new signage.

Over the years, the business has expanded to include a showroom for the sale of appliances, as well as fireplaces and heating equipment. Most recently, they have expanded their offerings to include cabinets and countertops for kitchen remodeling projects. Located on one of the major entrances to Lodi, Ben Osburn and his son John, are providing not only a business to serve the booming home improvement industry, but also a dramatic commercial improvement at their property that will be seen by thousands as they enter our city from the south. They have provided improvements which compliments the city's Revitalization Project of Cherokee Lane and matches other commercial improvements being done in the area.

For their work in improving this property and the positive impact that it has had on the surrounding neighborhood, the Lodi Improvement Committee felt that this property, this business and the Osburns were well-deserving of the Community Improvement Award.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None



Joseph Wood
Community Improvement Manager

cc: Lodi Improvement Committee
Ben & John Osburn

APPROVED:



Blair King, City Manager

